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ULTRASONIC PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION KIT AND ULTRASONIC PERCUTANEOUS PENETRATION METHOD

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Sir:

Concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and in response to the Official Action dated July 21, 2009, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on October 21, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment and remarks together with the allowance of all the claims pending herein. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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